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Multiagency force goes after drugs on reservations

By BECKY SHAY, Of The Gazette Staff – August 23, 2006

Six major players signed an agreement Tuesday that formalizes a drug task force in southeast Montana's Indian Country. The Crow/Northern Cheyenne Safe Trails Task Force is different than others because it won't work so frequently in the shadows and will examine a wider variety of cases, said Ernie Weyand, FBI senior supervisory resident agent in Billings.

<http://www.billingsgazette.net/articles/2006/08/23/news/local/40-force.txt>

Parents like emphasis on cultural identity at reservation schools

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If Conrad Stewart had the time and could afford it, he would drive his kids to Lodge Grass School each day. But living on the west side of the Crow Indian Reservation, he just can't get the kids to Lodge Grass. For a time, the kids caught an early bus in Crow Agency and got to school in Lodge Grass. But the Hardin School District "claimed jurisdiction," he said, and now the kids are bused there.

<http://www.billingsgazette.net/articles/2006/08/23/news/state/20-indian-ed.txt>

Cultural education key for students at Lodge Grass: Learning Crow clan structure helps define relationships

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Cultural learning is encountered even before entering Frances Alden's room at Lodge Grass Public Schools. The door to Room 416 has the etched name plate "Miss Frances Alden" outside. Above is poster paper with the hand-written name Biakaatitche, Alden's Crow name, which means Nice Girl.

<http://www.billingsgazette.net/articles/2006/08/23/news/state/22-cultural.txt>

Tribe zeroes in on ethanol plant

By KIM SKORNOGOSKI, Tribune Staff Writer – August 23, 2006

The Chippewa-Cree Tribe Tuesday secured \$20 million in tax credits — the potential key to landing private investors for a proposed \$100 million ethanol plant near Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation.

<http://www.greatfalltribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060823/NEWS01/608230304/1002>

Diabetes rates in Indian Country still on the rise

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Health experts say diabetes rates in Indian Country continue to rise despite efforts to prevent and treat the disease.

<http://www.indianz.com/News/2006/015571.asp>

Tribe in Mexico arranges fake border crossings

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The Hñahñu Tribe of Mexico is offering an unusual new service: fake border crossings. Participants pay about \$15 to the tribe for an authentic experience. Led by tribal members, they spend six hours at night avoiding fake U.S. Border Patrol agents in their attempt to

get to the United States. "We do this to show the people what it's like, to make them more conscious," said Hñahñu elder Luis Santiago Hernandez. The trip also seeks to educate participants on Hñahñu culture and represents a source of income for the tribe, leaders said.

<http://www.azstarnet.com/news/143299>

BIA announces tribal energy resource regulations

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Tribes will be able to take greater control of their energy resources under new regulations announced by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on Monday. The National Energy Policy Act of 2005 authorized a voluntary program to speed up development on Indian lands. Participating tribes can submit resource plans to the Interior Department in order to gain quick approval of business deals, leases, rights-of-way and other types of energy agreements.

<http://www.indianz.com/News/2006/015554.asp>

The 900-year reunion: Separated by distance, united by language

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A coalition that existed a century ago will be replicated in a mid-sized Oklahoma town next month.

The Shoshonean Language Reunion takes place Sept. 25-27 at the Comanche Nation's tribal complex in Lawton.

http://www.nativetimes.com/index.asp?action=displayarticle&article_id=8107



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